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Title: MARK FORMING APPARATUS, METHOD OF FORMING LASER
MARK ON OPTICAL DISK, REPRODUCING APPARATUS, OPTICAL
DISK AND METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL DISK
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Examiner: Paul E. Callahan

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a form submitted herewith. A copy of the reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a is enclosed.

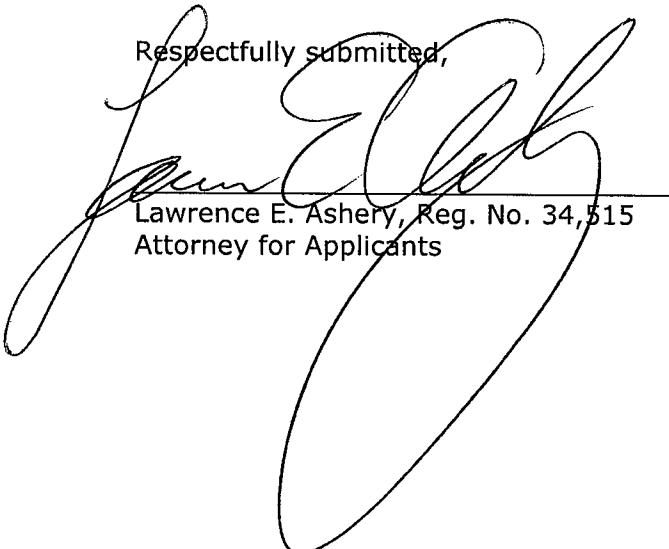
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(1) Reference

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